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1. IN ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER (AND FOREIGN MINISTER)
GASTON THORN, CHARGE CALLED ON MFA SECRETARY GENERAL
PIERRE WURTH ON JANUARY 7 TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.
WURTH SAID THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE
SECRETARY'S CLARIFICATIONS OF HIS "BUSINESS WEEK" INTER-
VIEW AND THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE PASS THESE ON TO THORN.
WURTH WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE THE SECRETARY'S
ASSERTION THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE NOT BEING
IDENTIFIED WITH PRESENT OPPOSITION TO US MID-EAST
POLICIES AND THE SECRETARY'S POSITIVE REFERENCE TO
WESTERN COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS. A COPY OF
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"BUSINESS WEEK" INTERVIEW WAS LEFT WITH WURTH, WHO

QUICKLY CONFIRMED SECRETARY'S EXPLANATIONS IN THE
ACTUAL TEXT.

2. WURTH WENT ON TO CRITICIZE ERRONEOUS INTER-
PRETATIONS OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ELSEWHERE IN SAME
INTERVIEW ON THE POSSIBLE USE OF FORCE IN THE MID-EAST.
HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR
MISUNDERSTANDING OR BLAME OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS
WHICH HE PERSONALLY APPLAUDED. WITH INCREASING EVIDENCE
OF ARAB BLACKMAIL ON MID-EAST PETROLEUM AND POLITICAL
ISSUES, THE SECRETARY WAS RIGHT NOT TO RULE OUT FOR ALL
TIMES AND IN ALL CONCEIVABLE CIRCUMSTANCES THE USE OF
FORCE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE CONSUMERS FROM
STRANGULATION.TARNOFF

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